

## Conference Faculty

The Honorable Kevin Burke took over as district court judge in Hennepin County, Minnesota 1984. Since then, Judge Burke has served as chair of the Minnesota Conference of Chief Judges, assistant chief judge of Hennepin County District Court, and, currently, chief judge of Hennepin County District Court. As chair of the Minnesota State Board of Public Defense, Judge Burke spearheaded the transformation of the public defense delivery system in Minnesota. Judge Burke was an early leader in promoting community outreach by judges to enhance public understanding and support for the Minnesota Judicial System. For several years he has hosted a weekly cable program in the Twin Cities area called "Meet Your Court." He is a recognized expert in judicial/ media relations, and for his accessibility as a judge to the media.

The Honorable F.A. Gossett is A Magistrate Judge with the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska, and former County Judge in Nebraska. He is regarded as an expert on evidence. He is an internationally respected scholar and teacher of the judicial arts. The judge has taught at the National Judicial College, in Reno, Nevada, for 15 years, and is past chairman of the faculty council. He is author of the "Evidence Handbook."

The Honorable Terry Ruckriegle served as a prosecutor in the 5th Judicial District Attorney's office in Georgetown for 9 years. He has served as district judge since 1984 and has acted as chief judge of the 5th Judicial District since 1994. He is Chair of the National Conference of State Trial Judges of the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association. He sits primarily in Breckenridge and Georgetown. He was the presiding judge in Colorado v. Kobe Bryant, and has written extensively on media issue.

Anthony Schutz Assistant Professor of Law, UNL, Professor Schutz's research interests include the often intertwined subjects of agricultural law, environmental and natural resources law, and state and local government. He has recently authored a chapter in The History of Nebraska Law (Ohio Univ. Press, forthcoming Spring 2007) entitled "Land Use Law and Livestock Production."

John Thorson, ALJ is assistant chief administrative law judge, California Public Utilities Commission, in San Francisco. An attorney, Thorson was special master for the Arizona General Stream Adjudication. He has served as regional counsel for the Western Governors' Conference, director of the Conference of Western Attorneys General, consultant to many state governments and courts; and director of the Missouri River Management Project for the Northern Lights Institute.

The Honorable Hiller Zobel former Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court. In 1997, he presided over the notorious "Nanny Case" in which the au pair Louise Woodward was accused of violently shaking a Newton family's baby to death. Judge Zobel overturned the verdict, finding the British au pair guilty of the lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter. Woodward went free with time served.

Alba Morales is Staff Attorney at the Innocence Project. Prior to joining the Innocence Project in April 2006, Ms. Morales was an associate at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP, a law firm specializing in civil rights litigation. She also clerked for the Honorable Rosemary Barkett on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Miami, Florida.

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## 2008 District Judge's Summer Meeting



June 4-6, 2008



## AGENDA

### Wednesday June 4, 2008

- 11:00 Registration opens
- 12:00-1:00 Committee Meetings
- 1:00-2:30 Evidence: Technology & Authenticity  
The Honorable F.A. Gossett
- 2:30-3:15 When Probation Talks—Defining Terms  
Ellen Brokofsky & Deb Minardi
- 3:15 Golf/adjourn for the day

### Thursday June 5, 2008

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:30 Water Law 101—John Thorson
- 9:30-9:40 Break
- 9:40 - 10:45 Nebraska Water Law Issues  
Anthony Schutz  
Panel Discussion  
John Thorson & Anthony Schutz
- 10:55-11:45 Technology Update— Bill Miller
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch with Chief Justice
- 12:45 –1:30 Courtroom Security —Chris West
- 1:30 Break
- 1:40-2:40 Innocence project—Alba Morales, Staff Attorney
- 2:40– 3:50 Trial issues and the Parenting Act Changes-  
The Honorable Patricia Lamberty
- 4:00-5:00 Updates—new legislation
- 6:15 Dinner with Court Reporters

### Friday June 6, 2008

- 8:00-9:30 Cameras on the Court  
The Honorable Kevin Burke
- 9:30-10:30 Cameras in the Court  
The Honorable Hiller Zobel-Massechusettes  
Experience  
The Honorable Terry Ruckriegle-Colorado  
Experience
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:30 Panel Discussion: Cameras in the Courts Judges  
Burke, Zobel, Ruckriegle, Burns, Randall & other  
Nebraska Judges

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**To enter the registration web site, use the key:**

**Call JBE if you need to be provided that initial username and password to access the site. You will then need to use the user name and password you have already set up.**

The AOC has instituted new travel policies that may be accessed on the web site.

**If registering by mail, circle the sessions you plan to attend and indicate your need for hotel rooms & meals by circling below:**

Hotel June 4th & 5th      Hotel June 5th only

Other hotel needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice: Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Cordon Bleu \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Dinner Choice: Prime Rib \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \$16.50 \_\_\_\_\_

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